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by Matthew Sarkissian

Det. 225, Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Violent criminal activity along the U.S.-Mexico border (to include Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico City and the state of Sinaloa) has increased as a product of a war between criminal organizations struggling for control of the narcotics trade along the border. The focus of violence is between the members of those criminal organizations, mainly Mexican citizens, those who are affiliated with the narcotics trade and innocent foreign visitors, to include Americans. U.S. citizens not involved in criminal activities are not targeted. However, innocent bystanders are at risk of being in the "wrong place at the wrong time."

Holloman's policy is that when traveling to Juarez, active duty military members must practice elevated safety and security awareness. No one may travel alone, and they must receive a mandatory pre-departure briefing, which outlines local threats and emergencies. They also must inform their squadron commander or first shirt prior to departure.

Visits to Nuevo Laredo are prohibited for active duty military for 90 days, until May 1.

Visitors to the border region are advised of the following:

- In Juarez, Nuevo Laredo and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry E. Reid Jr.

Ready to go

Tech. Sgt. James Hart Jr. (right) and Airman 1st Class Burt Traynor, 49th Communications Squadron, load equipment onto a pallet during the Operational Readiness Exercise Saturday.

Tijuana, shootings have taken place at busy intersections and at popular restaurants during daylight hours.

- U.S. citizens have been kidnapped or imprisoned after being involved with the sale or purchase of illegal drugs.

- In Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana, automobile accidents occur in which municipal police extort money from U.S. citizen victims.

- Be cautious of using ATMs in Mexico. Recent cases involve U.S. and Mexican citizens accosted on the street and forced to withdraw money from their bank accounts.

- Take precautions such as visit only legitimate businesses and tourism areas during daylight hours only. Red-light districts and neighborhoods where street drug dealing occurs should be avoided.



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Smaller is better

Airman Tashira Parham, 49th Security Forces, reassembles an M4 rifle during qualifying training Feb. 4. The 49th SFS is following suit with the rest of the Air Force as they phase in this new weapon to replace the M16 A2. The new weapon has a shorter barrel, better range and an optical device with an aiming point. The new optical device will allow security forces to maintain peripheral vision of their battle space while firing on target. 49th SFS began training on the weapon in January and should phase them into their armory by July.



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Holloman
Hotline 572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

Lights out

Q: Coming to work on Jan. 4, 11, and 12 at 4:30 a.m., I noticed the lights were on at the ball park and skateboard park on New Mexico Avenue. I was wondering if there was someway it could be worked out that

they be turned off when not in use?

A: We take our responsibility to conserve natural resources very seriously. You are right—saving electricity by turning off lights can make a big difference. After receiving your question, we did some research and discovered very seriously we were not doing all we could to control use. We've made some changes to correct the problem. A lock has been placed on the ball field and skate park lights. Keys for both can be signed out at the Fitness and Sports Center. This way users will only turn on the lights when they are needed. I'd like to thank you for caring enough about Holloman to take action. Please let me know if you have further questions.

High: 52
Low: 38
TODAY

High: 56
Low: 38
SATURDAY

High: 58
Low: 34
SUNDAY

High: 62
Low: 34
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI 14
DUIs this year 6
This week last year 9

Last six DUIs

- 49 AMXS Aug. 25
- 49 CES Oct. 1
- 49 MMS Oct. 18
- 49 CES Nov. 10
- 49 MMS Jan. 9
- 49 MXS Jan. 21

*Current as of Feb. 4

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

276 Saves this year
3 Saves this week



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Feb. 1 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 7 tickets: four for expired registration, one for failure to stop, one for inattentive backing and one for limitations on backing.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Feb. 1: There was a minor accident outside of building 839 when a privately owned vehicle hit a pole.
- Feb. 3: An Airman reported a laptop computer was stolen from building 457.
- Feb. 4: There was a minor accident when a privately owned vehicle hit a

cement barrier.

- Feb. 6: There was a minor accident between two POVs when one vehicle failed to observe the other while making a left turn.

- Feb. 7: An Airman reported \$600 worth of tools were stolen from building 55.

- Feb. 7: There was a minor accident in the building 29 parking lot between two POVs when one vehicle hit the other while backing up.

Civil arrest

- Feb. 3: A German air force member was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for vandalism and criminal damage.

Patrol response

- Feb. 1: An anonymous caller reported there was a verbal altercation on Otero Loop.

- Feb. 3: An Airman was arrested for drinking and driving near building 761.

Reminder

The Veterans Administration and numerous other military affiliated groups have always encouraged separating and retiring personnel to file their DD 214s with their county courthouse so that they would always have access to a legitimate copy in case their original was ever lost. However, by filing a DD 214 with a county courthouse it becomes accessible as a public record. This creates an extreme vulnerability to identity theft as a DD 214 contains personal information such as name, birth date, social security number and current address.

The best solution to this

problem is to make working copies of the DD 214 and to keep the original in a secure location such as a safe deposit box at a local bank.

ID cards

If personnel have a military issued identification card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces at 572-7171 immediately.

If you have any information concerning any of these incidents, contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

LEGAL

Courts-Martial

An Airman assigned to the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron was tried by a General Court-Martial and found guilty of three specifications in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of Percocet and wrongful use of Vicodin. The member was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, six months confinement and reduction to E-1.

Article 15s

An airman first class from the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for Larceny. The punishment was a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$692 for two months and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for being Drunk and Disorderly, Unlawful Entry, Under Age Drinking and a False Official Statement. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$668 for two months, one month forfeiture suspended, restriction to Holloman for 45 days, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

A technical sergeant from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for Sexual Harassment. The punishment was suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,225 for two months, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for Failure to Go. The punishment was reduction to airman, with a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$50 for two months, restriction to Holloman for 60 days and a reprimand.

A second lieutenant from the 49th Communications Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for two specifications of Disobeying a Superior Commissioned Officer and Disrespect towards a Superior Commissioned Officer. The punishment was forfeiture of \$1,171 for two months, with forfeitures above \$750 for two months suspended and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 49th Maintenance Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for violating a General Order (wrongfully traveling outside local area)

and a False Official Statement. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$250 for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 49th Maintenance Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for Dereliction of Duty (failing to follow a technical order). The punishment was reduction to airman, with a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

An airman from the 49th Maintenance Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for three specifications of Failure to Go. The punishment was forfeiture of \$150 for two months, restriction to Holloman for 14 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 49th Operations Support Squadron received nonjudicial punishment for three specifications of Failure to Go and Failure to Obey. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$617 for two months, restriction to Holloman for 30 days, and a reprimand. Administrative discharge action is pending.

Nonjudicial punishment is a tool that provides commanders with a prompt means of maintaining good order and discipline and promoting positive behavior changes in service members without the stigma of a court-martial conviction. By accepting nonjudicial punishment, military members are not admitting guilt, but rather choosing a forum in which to plead their cases; members are choosing to present evidence to their commanders in lieu of a judge or jury. Before deciding upon an appropriate punishment, commanders take into consideration such factors as age, rank and disciplinary history of the offender. They also consider the circumstances surrounding the offense. Additionally, commanders are limited by both their rank, and the rank of the individual receiving the Article 15, in what type of punishment they may impose. Because of these limitations and because the commander examines all the varying factors of the particular case, punishments for similar offenses may vary. Members who receive Articles 15 may face administrative discharge from the Air Force.

Assistance Fund kicks off

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off Feb. 23 and will run until April 5.

This year's campaign is "Commitment to Caring" and the goal is to make 100-percent contact with all members that work for Holloman and surpass the goal sent down by Air Combat Command Headquarters, said 2nd Lt. David Underwood, 8th Fighter Squadron and AFAF installation project officer.

"This campaign allows Air Force members to donate to charities that will help out one of their own Air Force brothers or sisters or even themselves," he said. "If we can uphold this standard, then we should have no problem making 2005's AFAF an enormous success."

Money donated to organizations through the campaign benefits all members of the Air Force – active duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees and their families.

There are four different charitable organizations that will receive donations from Air Force personnel and in turn help Air Force people and their families: the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundations, Inc., the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Cutis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force and is the most visible in its assistance to active duty Air Force personnel. The AFAS sponsors a

number of programs that are run by the base Family Support Center.

The primary goal of AFAS is to provide help to those families with financial emergencies caused by death or extended deployments. Aid is given to those in need by interest-free loans or grants. The most common assistance the AFAS gives is a check to the commissary to help cover the bills of those families who are having problems putting food on the table. Other benefits include help with medical care, basic living expenses, funeral expenses, essential vehicle repairs



and emergency travel expenses.

Here at Holloman the FSC offers a variety of programs, including "Bundles for Babies," "Baby's First Year, Time-Life Books" and the "Nursing Moms Program" which all provide essential baby supplies or information for the first time parent. The "Respite Care Program," "Give Parents a Break" and "Child Care for Volunteers Program" all provide funds for child care so parents can relieve some stress.

The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundations, Inc. provides two independent living communities for retired or widowed enlisted personnel. Moneys received

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2nd Lt. David Underwood
AFAF project officer

from the AFAF campaign are used to directly support the widows or widowers through rent subsidizes, transportation services, security and various activities or classes. The widow with the greatest need is cared for first and none are refused assistance due to financial status.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund is similar to the EWH except it caters to the retired officer widow or widower. In addition to providing housing in the San Antonio area and dispensing over \$5.5 million in assistance, the AFV offers residents a continuum of health care services such as Freedom House and the Alzheimer's Care and Research Center.

The General and Mrs. Cutis E. LeMay Foundation is the newest of the four affiliates. The LeMay foundation provided lodging for officers' widows in Riverside, Calif., and offers assistance to both officer and enlisted widows. The LeMay foundation lends help in the form of monthly stipends for rent, food, transportation, dental bills, medical bills and funeral expenses to allow widows/widowers to avoid foreclosures and stay in their own home instead of moving to the Riverside retirement home.

African-American Military Trailblazers

ACROSS

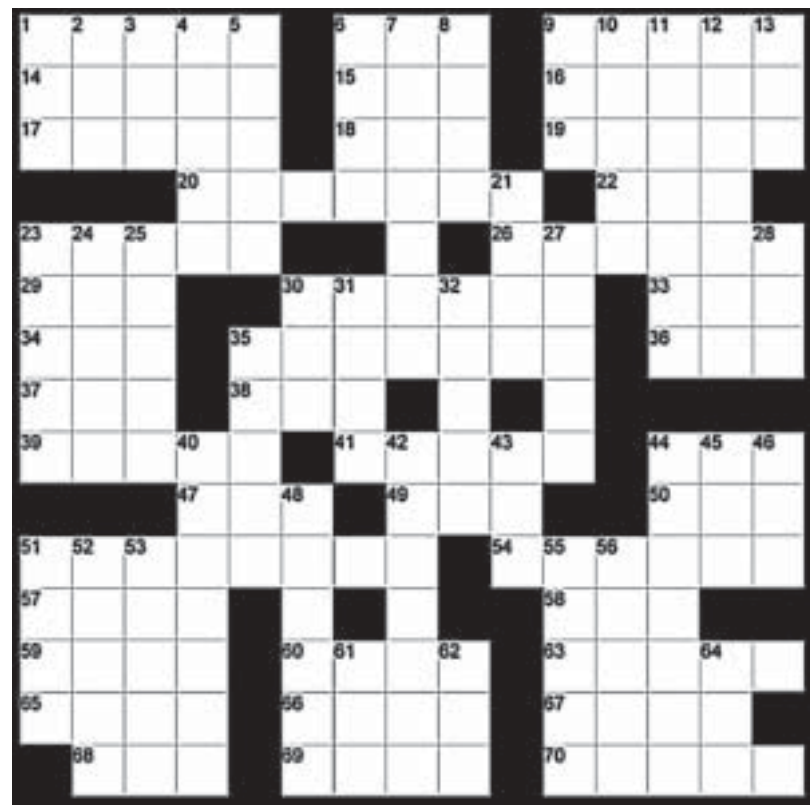
- 1. Disorder or confusion
- 6. Ho __ Minh
- 9. Examine by trial
- 14. Pervade
- 15. Coop resident
- 16. Central Perk offering
- 17. First black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Powell
- 18. Op and fine
- 19. Wal-Mart or Target
- 20. First American of WWI to receive French Croix de Guerre
- 22. Female sheep
- 23. Shut out
- 26. Greatest in age
- 29. The Greatest
- 30. Music player
- 33. Edge
- 34. Cistern
- 35. Black fighter ace of WWI
- 36. __ Paulo, Brazil
- 37. Native or resident of (suffix)
- 38. __ Angeles, CA
- 39. Twilled cloth of worsted
- 41. Fluid in tissue spaces
- 44. Actress Carrere
- 47. Aries sign
- 49. Personal ad abbrev.
- 50. X or gamma
- 51. African hunts

- 54. Course of action
- 57. Ukraine city
- 58. Lout
- 59. Model MacPherson
- 60. Burden
- 63. First Black graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy
- 65. Healthy
- 66. Sea eagle
- 67. Garfield foil
- 68. Singer Doris
- 69. Cincinnati team
- 70. First Black Air Force 4-star general of AFMC

DOWN

- 1. Mil. abbreviation for President
- 2. Health org.
- 3. YA-1 aircraft for USAF, in short
- 4. Séance board
- 5. Spanish sir
- 6. Martial arts actor Jackie
- 7. John Glenn middle name
- 8. Lean __ the wind
- 9. USAF PME
- 10. Satisfied
- 11. First black to receive MOH for WWI
- 12. Closure of a normal body

- opening
- 13. Cowboy: “__-haw!”
- 21. Close
- 23. First Black graduate of USMA to become general officer
- 24. Make proud
- 25. Vampire is one
- 27. Ancient country of west-central Asia Minor
- 28. Mil. moving organization
- 30. Two people
- 31. Or ____; final warning
- 32. First Black promoted to the four- star grade
- 35. Blur or redden (the eyes)
- 40. First Black flag officer in the Navy
- 42. Take apart
- 43. Army AFSC equivalent
- 44. Plant of the genera *Trifolium*, *Lotus*
- 45. *Sam* _ __; Penn movie
- 46. Affirmative vote
- 48. Black seaman credited w/ 6 plane kills at Pearl Harbor, won Navy Cross
- 51. Take an oblique course



- 52. Was hurt
- 53. Pal
- 55. 1960s programming language for business
- 56. British writer Thomas noted for Wessex novels
- 61. Mining goal
- 62. __ Moines, IA
- 64. Tiny

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8. Patterson & Arizona extension

Patterson is currently being rerouted from the Child Development Center to the intersection at the New Mexico & Sixth Street. The construction project will eliminate a dangerous intersection between Arnold & Arizona. Construction in this area will last until March.

Construction of the extension to Arizona shall begin after Patterson is completed. Arizona will be extended to direct the traffic to Forty-Niner Rd. Completion of the project will create a direct route from the Main base to the West area. The construction will not have any major impact to base populace.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

4, 5. First Street and Santa Fe active barriers

Active Vehicles Barriers will be installed for all three gates. Construction is projected to start the first part of May with minimal disruption to traffic. At the main gate the entrance to Santa Fe Street housing area will be temporarily closed. At the La Luz and West gate, there will be a traffic bypass. Construction is expected to last for 75 days.

3. Main Gate:

The construction for the Main Gate is in the final phase. Traffic will be required to slow and yield to construction equipment crossing. The construction in this area should be completed on the Feb. 15.

Ongoing projects

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron continues to support ongoing projects to improve force protection. See the map for ongoing projects that may cause traffic and road closures. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Nada Chamu at 572- 5832.

Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Flickinger Events

Black History of New Mexico: 7:30 p.m., today. Admission is free.

There is a Chocolate Buffet at 6:30 p.m., Monday with the Celtic music of Ms. Kathie Ryan. Tickets are \$15.

For more information, call 437-2202.

“Beavers”

“Beavers” is playing at the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater in Alamogordo.

For information and show times, call 437-2840 or (877) 333-6589. Visit the Web site www.spacefame.org.

Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has a NRA High Power Rifle Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range, located at 19 Rock Cliff Rd., northeast of La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public. Match participants may use any military caliber centerfire rifle. Fifty rounds will be required for the match.

For more match information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663. For information regarding the shooting range, contact Range Master Jay Frost at 443-9006. For a map, visit the Web site www.opshooterassn.org.

Memorial march

The 16th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March is March 20 at White Sands Missile Range. Bataan Memorial Death March information and registration is available at www.bataanmarch.com. There is a limit of 4,000 marchers. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked no later than Feb. 19; online registrations will be accepted until March 10.

For information, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at (505) 678-1256 or the WSMR Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134.

Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

Sertoma Banquet

The 45th Annual Sertoma Freedom Banquet is 6:15 p.m., Feb. 19 in the Alamogordo High School cafeteria. Tickets are still available and are \$20 each, or \$17.50 each for two or more tickets. The theme for this year’s banquet is “Voices of Freedom.”

Tickets are available at Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank, Western Insurance, Whorton Law Office, the Alamogordo Daily News and from all Sertoma Club members.



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BRIEFS

Chapel

Lenten and Easter schedule:

Catholic

• Stations of the Cross: 6 p.m., today, Feb. 18 and 25, March 4, 11 and 18

• Lenten Penance Service: 7 p.m., March 16

• Palm Sunday: Walk with Jesus, 2 p.m., March 20 (Protestants and Catholics)

• Mass: 11:30 a.m., March 23

• 11:30 a.m. Mass canceled, March 24 (Holy Thursday)

• Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m. March 24 (Holy Thursday)

• 11:30 a.m. Mass canceled, March 25 (Good Friday)

• Celebration of Lord's Passion: 3 p.m., March 25 (Good Friday)

• Easter Vigil Mass: 8 p.m., March 26 (Holy Saturday)

• Mass: 9 a.m., March 27 (Easter Sunday)

• CCD and 5 p.m. Mass canceled, March 27

Protestant

• Mobile Ash Blessings on Flightline: Feb. 9 (Ash Wednesday)

• Lenten reflections: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, March 3, 10 and 17.

• Palm Sunday: Walk with Jesus, 2 p.m., March 20 (Protestants and Catholics)

• Good Friday Service: 7 p.m., March 25.

• Easter Sunrise Service: 6 a.m., March 27 at White Sands Area 6 (Easter Sunday)

• Easter Sunday Service: 11 a.m., March 27 (Easter Sunday)

School fundraiser

Holloman Primary School will have a year-long fundraiser to raise money for books for the library. They are collecting Box Tops for Education, Price's Milk Caps, Campbell Soup Labels for

Education and Tyson's Project A+ end flaps. Drop items off at the Holloman Primary School library by March 15.

Change of command

The change of command ceremony for Lt. Col. Angelo Eiland, 7th Combat Training Squadron, is 2 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Dyncorp/T-38 hangar, building 578. Col. Eiland will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Christopher Knehans.

LRS closure

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance section will be closed today from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training. In case of emergency, please contact vehicle dispatch at 572-5557.

Awards banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet, "Saluting Those Who Serve," is Feb. 17 at the Oasis Enlisted Club Ballroom. Cocktails will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to your squadron first sergeant by Feb. 11. Dress is mess dress or semi-formal for military and after six attire for civilians.

Bring, bid and buy

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club Bring, Bid and Buy is Feb. 18 at the Officers' Club. Registration and silent auction bidding start at 6 p.m. A dessert and traditional auction begin at 7 p.m. All ranks are invited as well as guests of military members.

Free childcare is available to all ranks who are club members through the Parents Night Out program. R.S.V.P. to the Child Development Center at 572-7551 by Feb. 16.

HOSC Thrift Shop

Normal operating hours for the Holloman Officers' Spouses Club Thrift Shop are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Donation bins are available in the back of the shop. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 19. There will be an End of Month Sale on Feb. 22 and 24.

Luncheon

The African-American History

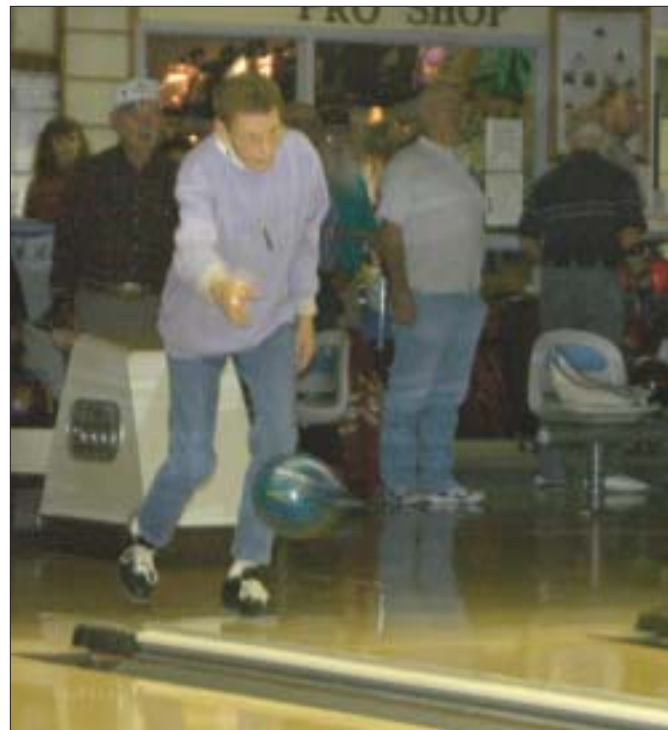


Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Super bowl

Ms. Mary Chatelain bowls at the Desert Lanes Bowling Alley Feb. 4. The bowling alley Senior Social is 9:30 a.m., every Friday. Mr. Roger Smith, Pro Shop manager, bakes fresh doughnuts for bowlers. For more information, call 572-7378.

Month Luncheon is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Feb. 25 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. Menu will be sandwich wraps (club or vegetarian), served with potato salad, pickle, iced tea or water. Member Price is \$6.14 and non-member is \$8.14. For tickets see your group point of contact.

For more information, e-mail Master Sgt. Gerald Schenck at Gerald.schenck@holloman.af.mil.

Women of Merit

In celebration of National Women's History Month (March), the *Sunburst* is accepting nominations for the 2005 Holloman Women of Merit. In 500 words or less, explain why your submission should be highlighted as one of Holloman's Women of Merit. Include greatest accomplishments, community involvement and personal sacrifices. Nominations are open to active duty, civilians and dependents. All nominations will be considered, but only four women will be highlighted in the *Sunburst*. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 21.

E-mail nominations to Ms. Elisa Sanchez at elisa.sanchez@holloman.af.mil or drop them off at the manpower office, building 29, suite 2610. For more information, call Ms. Sanchez at 572-5507.

HOSC Scholarship

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club will award \$10,000 in scholarships to local students planning to attend an accredited school during the 2005-2006 academic year.

Applications are available at the Family Support Center, education office, and library on base or at Alamogordo High School, Cloudcroft High School and Tularosa High School in the guidance office. The application is also available for download at www.hollomanosc.com.

For more information, call 443-0141 or 479-1019. Applications are due by March 15.

SHARE Coffee

There will be a coffee social for the Holloman home schooling

group Sharing Homes And Resources for Education at 7 p.m., Feb. 24 at Plateau Espresso. The purpose of the social is to provide encouragement, share ideas, informally discuss problems and home schooling strategies and have a chance to chat. Please do not bring children, this is for home schooling moms (and/or dads!). R.S.V.P. to Ms. Silvi Sullivan at kevnsilv@charter.net by Feb. 23.

Access cards

Check your Common Access Card for the expiration date. If it is within one month of expiration stop by the Military Personnel Flight between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Monday to Friday or call and make an appointment. If you are a contractor or NAF employee, don't forget your 1172-2 with your new end date.

For more information, call 572-7277

Munitions closure

The Munitions Storage Area will be closed March 7 to 11 for a 100-percent inventory. Review all munitions requirements for this period and submit issue requests before noon, Feb. 14 for pick-up by Feb. 28. Only bona fide emergency requests, approved by the maintenance group commander will be honored.

For more information, call 572-1612 or 572-1613.

Education meeting

The next Education Meeting is 9 to 11 a.m., Monday at the community center ballroom.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses –

11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

• Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

BOn the
BIG SCREEN

White Noise (R)

6 p.m., today

Fat Albert (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday and 6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

Bombs away

**9th FS, 9th AMU and 49th MXS
team up to drop bombs on target**



Photos by Airman 1st Class Dee Ericksonmoen

Senior Airman Kyle Rider loads a bomb onto a F-117A Nighthawk. From Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 the 9th Fighter Squadron, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and 49th Maintenance Squadron were evaluated during the Air Force Air-to-Ground Weapon System Evaluation Program, also known as "Combat Hammer," by the 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Staff Sgt. David Pote, 49th MXS, connects the tail end to a bomb. The WSEP evaluation places operation units in combat scenarios against realistic targets and threats. The evaluation will help the 9th FS, 9th AMU and 49th MXS identify deficiencies, determine their cause and make improvements.



9th FS wins Nighthawk Competition

Twelve pilots from the 8th and 9th Fighter Squadrons and eight pilots from the 7th Combat Training Squadron competed in the Nighthawk Competition this quarter.

The top scorer in the competition was Lt. Col. (Ret.) Glenn "Pokey" Roberts, 9th FS.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Debaarr inspects a bomb on an F-117. The 9th FS, 9th AMU and 49th MXS performed excellently, dropping all bombs on target, to pass the evaluation.



Airmen 1st Class Vanessa Overturff, Matthew Malinowsky and Michelle Sayco, 49th MXS, band together a crate of bomb tails.

Holloman Food service



Strives to stay on top

SVS team knocked out ACC competition, turns eyes toward AF

by Senior Airman
Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Seven days a week the 49th Services Squadron food service team serves more than 1,100 meals per day, cooks more than 25 items per day and still finds time to make the dining facilities better.

"Our main goal as the 49th SVS food services team is to provide the best quality food service for our airmen," said 1st Lt. Jim Hunt, 49th Services Squadron acting combat support flight commander. "However, throughout the year we've challenged ourselves to meet and exceed that goal. We are now striving to make Holloman's dining facilities the best in the Air Force."

In the past year, the food services team, consisting of 39 military members and over 50 contractors, has made adjustments through renovations, better food selection and adding more conveniences.

"Everyone worked hard

throughout the year thinking of ways to make our facilities better," Lieutenant Hunt said. "It's evident their effort was successful."

Shifting Sands improved their facility by adding a new big screen TV, a new Airmen's banquet table for meetings and the convenient Mirage grab-and-go, where they increased the selection of fast food items by 70 percent. The Westerner has also undergone improvements with the installment of new carpet, purchase of new chairs and re-upholstering of booths.

"Our Airmen were instrumental to these improvements," Lieutenant Hunt said. "They initiated and led self-help projects such as the designing of new

curtains, refinishing of dining tables and applied fresh coats of paint to areas in need."

Some of the improvements are due in part to Team Holloman's comments and suggestions left on customer comment cards or submissions through Interactive Customer Evaluation available online at www.holloman.af.mil/anservices.com. Because of popular demand, both dining facilities now have slushy machines, soft serve ice cream and "Check-it-out" signs with nutritional information to support the "Fit-to-fight" initiative.

"Teamwork between the airmen and contractors, CES and the rest of Team Holloman was essential to their success," Lieutenant Hunt said. "We want Team Holloman to know their sugges-



Airman Pilar Denight prepares lemons for lunch at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility.



Photos by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Brucks pours butter over potatoes, preparing them for lunch at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility.



Mr. Amos Arrington serves hungry Airman lunch at Shifting Sands Dining Facility. The food services team serves more than 1,100 meals per day.

tions matter. We strive to serve the best food in the Air Force."

The success of their efforts is evident by winning the annual Air Combat Command John L. Hennessy Trophy for best multi-facility food service operation. As a result, Air Force evaluators will be present Feb. 16 to 17 to judge how Holloman competes against six other bases chosen as the best in their respective commands. The prize: the Air

Force's John L. Hennessy Trophy, distinguishing the best food service operation in the Air Force.

"It takes a total team effort from everyone in the Holloman community to make this happen. This is the 49th year of the competition and the 49th SVS is ready to win," said Capt. Chrystal Putnam, 49th SVS combat support flight com-



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at:
https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html



Staff Sgt. Joseph Webb

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron

Duty title: Storage and Issue Element NCO in charge

Time in service: Nine years, two months

Time at Holloman: Six years, six months

Hometown: Lemoore Naval Air Station, Calif.

Personal and Career goals: My goal is to make a career of the Air Force and to retire. I would also like to complete my bachelor's degree in Human Resources.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

I am honored to assist in the defense of our great nation. I am very fortunate to live in the United States and I take pride in being part of an elite force whose purpose is to protect the constitution of the United States and provide a blanket of security for the country so that citizens may enjoy their freedom.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

I am very happy to have had the chance to serve my country by deploying to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during OIF. As the Harvest Falcon Manager, I was able to see the impact my job had on the overall mission. I was one of the few who

was personally presented a Central Air Force Command coin by the Central Air Force commander Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan in recognition for my hard work and dedication while deployed to Tallil. It was this deployment that cemented my pride for serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Sergeant Webb consistently exceeds the standard and excels in all he does. His enthusiastic and can-do attitude enable him to succeed and encourages others to do the same. As NCO in charge of Storage and Issue Element, he has very quickly and skillfully mastered all of his assigned duties. Sergeant Webb constantly strives for perfection as he plays a vital role in the accountability of Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources assets. Sergeant Webb supervises three troops and manages five warehouses which include eight stockrooms with assets that total more than eight million dollars.

– **Maj. Malcolm Blair**
49th MMSS commander

Holloman Salutes

Congratulations to the ALS class 05-C who graduated Feb. 8.

49th Operation Support Squadron

Senior Airman Crystal Aponte
Senior Airman Michael Aponte
Senior Airman Jacqueline Slattery

4th Space Control Squadron

Senior Airman Tamara Broderson

49th Fighter Wing

Senior Airman Patrice Hansen

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Tamara Crain
Senior Airman Renee Petty
Senior Airman Jason Schiavo
Senior Airman Joseph Petty
Senior Airman Sara Williams
Senior Airman Benjamin Laguana

49th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Erika Fischer
Senior Airman Sarah Conner

49th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Stephen Fletcher
Senior Airman Mark Hilton
Senior Airman William Holmes
Senior Airman Jeremiah Beshears
Senior Airman Jacobi Spencer
Senior Airman Jennifer Roberts
Senior Airman Anthony Pimentel
Senior Airman Timothy Pulliam
Senior Airman Justin Romo

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ronnie Lambert
Senior Airman Arron Schultz

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Luckenbaugh
Senior Airman Andrew Monroe
Senior Airman Jessica Easterday
Senior Airman Samuel Gibbons
Senior Airman Matthew Ohlmann
Senior Airman William Olwig

49th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Michael Ortega
Senior Airman Ricardo Martinez



Award recipients:

The John L. Levitow Award

Senior Airman Jacqueline Slattery

The Academic Award

Senior Airman Jennifer Roberts

The Leadership Award

Senior Airman Michael Aponte

Distinguished Graduates

Senior Airman Arron Schultz
Senior Airman Michael Aponte



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

Pushing the limit

Staff Sgt. Kevin Searles, 49th Contracting Squadron, does push-ups at the Fitness and Sports Center. He was awarded Chiefs’ Choice for January for his outstanding customer service and can-do attitude. The Chiefs’ Choice Award is presented each month and is designed to enhance the enlisted force and recognize those individuals who wear their uniforms with pride and demonstrate exemplary professionalism every day.

Making the most of refunds

Mr. Joe Wilson

Community Readiness consultant

The tax season has already begun. All Air Force active duty military and civil service can download their 2004 W-2s at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Military retirees can download their 1099Rs at the same Web site.

The earned income credit rules are now more advantageous for military personnel who served in combat zones. If you were a member of the U.S. armed forces who served in a combat zone, certain pay is excluded from your income. However, you can elect to include this pay in your earned income when figuring the EIC. The amount of your nontaxable combat pay should be shown in Form W-2, box 14, with code Q.

The EIC is a credit for certain people who work. It's a refundable credit, which means that Uncle Sam treats it as money you paid into the U.S. Treasury. The EIC can be used to pay off any taxes owed (if any) and refunds the difference with your tax return. This refund can be very substantial, especially for E-4 and below (single par-

ents and married personnel with low income and have one or more qualifying children).

Now, what do you do with that money? Do you buy a new computer or pay off credit card debt? The options are unlimited, but some choices are certainly better than others. As money windfalls won't come your way very often, make the most of it.

I recommend that individuals eliminate the most pressing problems first. Get current on bills, pay off payday loans, car repairs, etc.

Next, pay off high interest rate credit cards. If you have a credit card balance of \$4,515 with an interest rate of 13.25 percent and you make the minimum payment of \$50 each month, it will take 44 years to pay off and you will pay \$21,705 in interest.

Finally, ask yourself: "What do I really need?" Perhaps you need a washer and dryer, baby items or winter clothing. The focus should be on need, not self gratification.

For more information, financial planning or budgeting assistance, call the Family Support Center at 572-7754. Call the Tax Office at 572-7346 for help with tax preparation.

Free credit reports under new law

Until recently, most people paid between \$7 and \$30 each time they checked their credit report. Under the new federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, every consumer is entitled to a free annual credit report. The FCRA requires the big three consumer credit agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to provide a credit report to any consumer who asks for one. The FCRA divides the country into four regions. Region 1 residents, including New Mexicans, have been entitled to free reports since Dec. 1, 2004. Residents of the central and eastern states in regions 2, 3 and 4 will be entitled to free reports by Sept. 1, 2005.

How do I get my free credit report? Call 1 (877) 322-8228 or order online at www.annualcreditreport.com. The Annual Credit Report Request Form can be downloaded from the Federal Trade Commission Web site www.ftc.gov/credit (click on "New Law Promotes Access to Free Credit Reports") and mailed in.

Why should I order my free credit report? First, to discover if anyone has obtained credit in your name. According to an August 2004 survey by the FTC, 11.2 percent of Americans have been victims of identify theft and fraud. That translates on average into 2,000 members of the ex-

tended Holloman community and over 41,000 active duty Airmen. Identify theft and fraud victims can contact the credit agencies to have fraud alerts placed in their credit files. Also, the credit agencies will block negative information caused by identity theft so lenders don't see it.

Second, to see the information on which a lender bases the decision to offer credit. If incorrect or falsely reported information is in the credit report, the credit agencies must change it.

Third, to see what your open credit lines are. Having too many credit cards, for example, may lower your credit score. Credit reports have the names and phone numbers of all your creditors. Canceling unused cards may improve your credit rating and allow you to borrow money at lower interest rates.

Where can I get more information about consumer credit problems? The Federal Trade Commission Web site has fact sheets on "A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act," "Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft" and other issues. These can be found at www.ftc.gov/credit, under the "For Consumers" tab.

(Editor's note: this information came from the 49th Legal Office)

BRIEFS

CAC schedule

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The CAC also features the following videos today to Thursday:

- Over 30 Championship Game, 49 MDG vs. FW/MSS (Feb. 4): 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.
- SECAF & CSAF Vision 2005: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- OSI Recruiting Video: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Food drive

Cub Scout Pack 124 has a food drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 29 at the commissary. They are accepting all non perishable food items.

Airman's Attic

Holloman Enlisted Spouses' Organization has a grand opening of the Airman's Attic at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 22 at 2290B Torrance Place. The attic will be closed until the move is complete. Wait to drop off donations at either location until that time.

Library news

The base library's limits and loan periods are changing. New loan period are: Seven entertainment VHS or DVD videos for seven days; seven educational videos for seven days; seven CD-ROM software for seven days; seven magazines for seven days; seven music CDs for two weeks; seven audiobooks for two weeks. Books will continue to have a two week loan period with a limit of 50.

The library will be operating on a temporary library management program Feb. 6 to 13. No library materials will be due during this time period.

For more information, call 572-3939 or visit <http://library.holloman.accqolnet.org>

MOAA

The Military Officers Association offers individual \$1,000 grants to 50 dependents of active duty personnel worldwide.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on their first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty serviceperson – enlisted, warrant officer, or officer – in the US. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Grant recipients will be randomly selected from among applicants within each of the seven services. Grade point average, SAT scores or essays are not needed for the Base/Post application. MOAA membership is not a requirement.

An online application is on the MOAA Web site <http://www.moaa.org>. Click on "Educational Aid" on the left side of the opening page, and then follow the easy instructions or the multipurpose scholarship application. Deadline for submission is noon, eastern standard time, March 1.

Finance closure

The 49th Comptrollers Squadron finance office will close at noon, Feb. 17.

The cashiers cage will be open from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 491-4845.

Pool hours

Monday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: 6a.m. to 5 p.m.
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 6a.m. to 5 p.m.
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: closed

For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.



Joe Noya and Clarence Mitchell, 49th Medical Group, reach for a rebound during the over 30 basketball championship game Jan. 27.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

FW takes MDG down in over 30 championship

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After an undefeated season, the 49th Fighter Wing ball club claimed their last win Jan. 27 over the 49th Medical Group during the over 30 intramural basketball championship at the fitness and sports center.

Evenly matched, both teams came into the game ready to win. Guard Ben Robinson knocked down back to back layups to put his team on the board first.

FW turned right around with a three-pointer by Forward Derrick Walker. Coming behind Walker, Power Forward Jeffrey Barrows sank two layups to push his team ahead.

Halftime was close and both teams were vying for the lead. Forward Joe Noya sank a three-pointer for MDG but it wasn't enough to get over the FW's Oliver Martin and his layups.

The FW led at the half 19-18.

After a breather and a pep talk, both teams hit the court

running. The FW's Walker and Forward Michael Woodward hit a three-pointer each to push their team up.

MDG Guard Clarence Mitchell downed two layups, breaking through a tough FW defense.

The clock was almost out and both teams wanted the win. FW's Martin downed another three for his team, leaving a seven-point gap between them.

With no way for the MDG to get ahead, the FW took the 2005 over 30 championship 49-41.

Candle Safety

The popularity of candles continues to grow. The likelihood of an accidental fire continues to grow. Here are some facts and tips published by the National Fire Protection Association.

🔥 Facts and figures

- During 2001, fires started by candles resulted in an estimated 190 civilian deaths and 1,450 civilian injuries.

- Candle fires accounted for an estimated five percent of all reported home fires.

- Two-fifths of home candle fires started in the bedroom.

- One-third of candle fires occurred after candles were left unattended.

🔥 Candles & children

- Keep candles out of reach of children.

- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle. A child should not sleep in a room with a lit candle.

- Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.

- Store candles, matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

🔥 Safety Tips

- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire.

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't

burn and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

- Don't place lit candles in windows, where blinds and curtains can be susceptible to the flames.

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.

- Place candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and do not use candles in places where they could be knocked over by children or pets.

- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.

- Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.

(Editor's note: This information was submitted by the 49th Civil Engineers Squadron Fire Prevention office.)



